



## DIVIDED THE HOUSE.

Domestic Quarrel Leads to Semi-Voluntary Separation.

Old Homestead Shelters Both Husband and Wife, But a Chalk Line Keeps Them Apart—A Bu-colic Scandal.

When Leander Southard and his wife quarreled, says the New York World, they divided their house in two sections with a chalk line. The wife and the baby took up their abode on the south side, which was the sunnier and best, while the husband occupied the chilly and dark region on the northern limit of the frontier.

This division of territory, however, was a failure as a peacemaker, and for a reason which international politicians will appreciate. There was no buffer state between the two parties and frontier frictions arose that have driven them into the courts.

Leander Southard, whose chalkline cottage is at Norwood, L. I., two miles from Lynbrook, is now suing John Johnson, a rich farmer and neighbor, for \$10,000 damages, claiming that he stole away the affections of Mrs. Southard. Lawyer George A. Mott served the papers the other day.

The Southards, it is said, lived happily until one day the wife came to her husband and broke some news to him.

"I love Farmer Johnson," he says she said. "I have loved him for three years." Then she snapped her fingers defiantly.

"Leave my house at once!" cried the angry husband.

"I won't!" retorted the wife. "I have done nothing wrong. I shall not leave until I am ready."

Then the chalkline, balkline plan suggested itself. Southard bought five cents' worth of chalk and drew the line, and the wife moved the baby and sewing machine over to her territory.

Every Saturday night during three years Southard put the housekeeping money for the week on the chalkline, taking care not to invade his wife's preserves.

Farmer Johnson was a frequent caller, but he never went north of the chalkline.

Southard glared across the white frontier at him, but made no protest, even when the farmer took Mrs. Southard out driving or to the village picnics or to husking bees.

A week ago, it is said, Mrs. Southard deposited the baby on the chalkline and disappeared. She did not return that night. This the husband looked upon as a provocation to war, and he went looking through the village for facts. He started his damage suit against Johnson as a result of what he thought he discovered.

With his lawyer and a constable Southard hunted Johnson to serve the papers on him. They found him milking a cow. He saw them first and hid in a cellar. The subsequent hunt for him included a chase across lots and some tree climbing. He was served eventually.

The Southards got some more chalk and renewed the chalkline. The wife sat on the south side of it and sulked. Together they talked to a reporter.

"I love Johnson best, and I'm glad to get rid of my husband," said the wife. "I married for a home and because Mr. Southard said he'd kill himself if I didn't. I married him to save his life. I'm sorry I did it."

"It's his own fault. He let me go with Johnson while he danced and flirted with my younger sister. He has proposed to her. She says so. But I won't let him marry her while I'm alive."

"Keep your side of the chalkline!" exclaimed the husband, warningly.

"Keep your side yourself!" angrily replied the wife.

ON THE DIVIDING LINE.

Madam Fountain, of L. street, entertained Mrs. Dr. Wyche of Charlotte, N. C., and Miss C. Wyche of Richmond, Va., last Friday evening. Music both vocal and instrumental formed the program for the evening.

The Misses Wormley of S street, are at Ocean City.

Among the boys who are to enter college in the fall of 1900 are: Haley Douglas, Robie Meriwether and Fred Syphax.

Mrs. L. V. Contee arrived in the city last Saturday, looking well.

Miss Olive Contee who has been ill for the past month, is convalescent.

Miss Ella Lynch left the city last Saturday for Hampton Va., where she will remain until school opens.

Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Cragwell, and daughters are at Highland Beach.

Mrs. Jennie Robbins, who has been to Newborn, N. C. for several weeks, has returned and will go to New York, next month on business. After which she will return to the city and remain with her mother.

Miss Mamie Ceatham and Master Charlie, the daughter and son of Recorder Ceatham, the former will enter Spellman and the latter Shaw University, and the Recorder will leave for the North Carolina next month.

Dr. A. M. Curtis left for Anne Run-dale, Md., last Tuesday.

Dr. F. I. Shadd who has been to Saratoga Springs, N. Y., has returned to the city.

Capt. J. E. Hamlin is in the city stopping at 1532 15th street northwest.

Rev. Sterling N. Brown has returned from his vacation and preaches at Park Temple Sunday morning.

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## The Testimonial Age.

Drug Clerk—This remedy has cured ten congressmen, eight senators, six prima donnas—

Customer—Hold on, young fellow. I ain't none of them. Just lay that aside and show me something that has cured a few common people.—Chicago Daily News.

## An English Version.

Mary had a little hen, 'Twas feminine and queer; It laid like smoke when eggs were cheap. But stopped when eggs were dear. —The Onlooker.

## OH! THESE HORRID MEN.



Mrs. Stiller Nathan—My dear, what is your idea of a happy man? Mr. Nuthin—He's a fellow who can make more money than his wife can spend.—Chicago Chronicle.

Heartlessness of Politics. "It's a mean thing to do," said the politician, "but I've got to shake the public confidence in this opponent of mine somehow." "But there is no use of abusing him."

"No. I'll awaken distrust by more insidious methods. I will have him called 'the silver-tongued orator.' If that name ever fastens to him, his finish is in sight."—Washington Star.

Knew Her Business. Uncle George—Clara, if you are wise, you will drop that young Scattergood. He's a spendthrift by instinct, and you never can count upon his taking care of his money.

Clara—Don't be alarmed, Uncle George. If I can keep the engagement running for another year he won't have any money to take care of.—Boston Transcript.

Answered Without Hesitation. "Maria Jane," said a fond mother, the other morning, to her daughter, "did Daniel Johnson kiss you on the steps last night?"

"No, mamma, he did not." If the fond parent had said "lips" instead of "steps" it would have troubled Maria Jane to reply.—Tit-Bits.

Appearances Against Him. The Parson (cleaning over the fence, shocked)—Makin' garden on Sunday, brother! I is pained beyon' measuah, brother Johnson!

Rastus Johnson (flustered)—Deed I ain't makin' garden, pahson! I've only diggin' bait to go fishin'!—Brooklyn Eagle.

Force of Habit. "Drummer, isn't he?" "Yes; confirmed. Why, he has been on the road so long that when he gets home and his wife hands him the biscuits at the dinner table he immediately begins to flirt with her!"

The Sturdy Pine-Tree. The New England pine, which Emerson solloved, appears, according to the recent investigations of Prof. G. E. Stone, to be holding its own in the forests of central Massachusetts, while some of its old competers, like the hemlock, the beech and the canoe birch, have decreased, other species taking their place. "The pine," says Prof. Stone, "can adapt itself to a great variety of conditions."—Youth's Companion.

Carriage in Warfare. During the sieges of medieval times it was very common for the beleaguers to throw from their catapults and other military engines dead bodies of dogs, swine, together with pieces of horse flesh and similar carrion into the city or castle besieged, in order that the defenders might, by the stench of this putridity, be forced to a surrender.—Indianapolis News.

A Special Occasion. First Tramp—You orter seen Bill goin' over de fence wit' de bull after him.

Second Tramp—Must have been wuth lookin' at.

"Say! It wuz de only time I ever seen him when he didn't look tired!" —Puck.

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## BITS ABOUT BRITAIN.

Eight out of every 10,000 English people emigrate every year.

A Dublin firm has produced a type-writer writing Irish characters.

It is said that over £1,000,000 is spent by Londoners for flowers yearly.

Liverpool, with 99 people to the acre, is the most crowded city in England.

A party of Suffolk (England) farmers have gone to Denmark to secure hints on dairy farming.

Christ's hospital is about to give up the historic "blue coat" and dress its boys in modern costume.

If a cyclist were to ride round the coast of England and Wales he would cover a distance of nearly 2,500 miles.

A Hobbema landscape has been sold in London for \$11,250 that brought \$1,380 in 1837, \$1,420 in 1817 and \$1,025 in 1813.

No British ship may carry a deck-load of timber into a British port between the last day of October and April 16.

The United Kingdom produces only 40,000 tons of cheese out of the 120,000 eaten every year by the people of that country.

Jury trials are going out of favor in England. Out of 494 cases in the king's bench at the present Trinity session, 162 are to be tried without a jury.

The Forth bridge is constantly being repainted. So vast is the structure that it takes 50 tons of paint to give it one coat, and the area dealt with is something like 120 acres.

A British pickle maker has his pint bottles made to hold just over a pint, so as to be on the safe side of the English law. His caution met with poor reward when some of these bottles arrived in Canada, where the law provides that any measure holding more than a pint must pay duty as a quart.

Not Good at Fannmaking. It seems that as a nation we are good at fannmaking. That we are slow to overcome by other nations in ships, guns, locomotives, ready-made bridges was by no means in favor of the fannmakers.

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stillling seems to be profitable in a Moscow firm, "Widow opova," has distributed \$1,200,000 fabies as dividends for the year 1900 on a capital of 500,000 rubles.

The street-car conductors in Wiesbaden are subject to fines for breach of regulations. For driving too fast a fine of 30 pfennigs (6 cents); for talking to other employees, 50 pfennigs (11 cents) and for not waiting for traller connection 20 pfennigs (4 cents. Notwithstanding these fines the Wiesbaden street-car service leaves much to be desired.

Taxation in Norway is becoming oppressive, and living expensive in proportion. An example will illustrate this: Two banks having the same amount of business pay taxes at the rate of 6,000 and 65,000 kroner (\$1,440 and \$15,740) per annum respectively. The former of these two institutions is in central Europe, the latter in Norway.

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